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BEFORE THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF REAL ESTATE

JOSEPH CELASCHI,
TANYA VINSON,
MICHAEL ESPOSITO, and
MÉAGHAN FOLEY, dba
BMS Debt Management, Inc.,
BILLSMADESIMPLE.COM and/or
any other names or fictitious names.

NO. H-3984 SD
ORDER TO DESIST AND REFRAIN
(B&P Code Section 10086)

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The Commissioner (Commissioner) of the California Department of Real Estate (Department) caused an investigation to be made of the activities of JOSEPH CELASCHI (CELASCHI), TANYA VINSON (VINSON), MICHAEL ESPOSITO (ESPOSITO), and MEAGHAN FOLEY (FOLEY) doing business as BMS DEBT MANAGEMENT (BMS) and/or BILLSMADESIMPLE.COM (BMS.COM). Based on that investigation, the Commissioner has determined that CELASCHI, VINSON, ESPOSITO, and FOLEY have engaged in acts or practices constituting violations of the California Business and Professions Code (Code), including Section 10130 (engaging in the business of advertising or assuming to act as a real estate broker without first obtaining a real estate license) and/or Title 10, Chapter 6, California

Code of Regulations (Regulations), including the business of, acting in the capacity of, and/or advertising or assuming to act as, a real estate broker in the State of California within the meaning of Section 10131(d) (performing services for borrowers in connection with loans secured by real property) of the Code. Furthermore, based on the investigation, the Commissioner hereby issues the following Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Desist and Refrain Order under the authority of Section 10086 of the Code.

Whenever acts referred to below are attributed to CELASCHI, those acts are alleged to have been done by CELASCHI, acting by himself, or by and/or through one or more agents, associates, affiliates, and/or co-conspirators, and using the names BMS Debt Management, Inc., BillsMadeSimple.com or other names or fictitious names unknown at this time.

FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. At no time herein mentioned has CELASCHI, VINSON, ESPOSITO, FOLEY, BMS, or BMS.COM been licensed by the Department in any capacity.
- 2. During the period of time set out below, CELASCHI, VINSON, ESPOSITO, FOLEY, BMS, and/or BMS.COM solicited consumers and offered to provide loan modification services to consumers under the dba of BMS Debt Management in exchange for an advance fee.
- 3. For an unknown period of time beginning no later than March 2008, and continuing to the present time, CELASCHI (and/or VINSON, ESPOSITO, FOLEY, and/or others) advertised his services under one or more business names including, but not limited to, "BMS Debt Management, Inc." in various print and electronic media, including a website located at http://www.billsmadesimple.com. Those advertisements solicited borrowers offering loan modification services.

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- 4. On or about March 2008, CELASCHI solicited Jennifer Tyrie (TYRIE) in order to provide loan modification services to negotiate her home loan.
- 5. In furtherance of CELASCHI's plan and scheme to provide loan modification services to Tyrie, CELASCHI requested an advance fee of \$3,940 from Tyrie.
- 6. After Tyrie delivered the check mentioned above to CELASCHI, loan modification services were not successful.
- 7. In early August 2008, Tyrie requested a refund and was told she would receive a check for \$3,940 in the mail. In late August 2008, Tyrie was told the money would be re-deposited into her account. After this communication, there were no further communications or services of any type from CELASCHI, or from anyone connected in any way with BMS Debt Management, Inc. or BMS.COM. Tyrie never received a refund.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

8. Based on the findings of fact contained in paragraphs 1 through 7, CELASCHI, acting by himself, or by and/or through one or more agents, associates, affiliates, and/or co-conspirators, including, but not limited to VINSON, ESPOSITO, and FOLEY, and using the name "BMS Debt Management, Inc.," or other names or fictitious names unknown at this time, solicited borrowers and performed services for those borrowers and/or those borrowers lenders in connection with loans secured directly or collaterally by one or more liens on real property, and charged, demanded or collected advance fees for the services to be provided, which acts require a real estate broker license under Sections 10130, 10131(d) and 10131.2 of the Code, during a period of time when CELASCHI, VINSON, ESPOSITO, and FOLEY were not licensed by the Department as real estate brokers.

MEAGHAN FOLEY, whether doing business under your own names, or any other names or

Based on the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law stated herein, you,

JOSEPH CELASCHI, TANYA VINSON, MICHAEL ESPOSITO, and

fictitious names, ARE HEREBY ORDERED to

1. Immediately desist and refrain from performing any acts within the State of California for which a real estate broker license is required. In particular, you are ordered to desist and refrain from:

- (a) soliciting borrowers and/or performing services for borrowers or lenders in connection with loans secured directly or collaterally by one or more liens on real property, and
- (b) from charging, demanding, or collecting an advance fee for any of the services you offer to others, unless and until you obtain a real estate broker license issued by the Department, and until you demonstrate and provide evidence satisfactory to the Commissioner that you are in full compliance with all of the requirements of the Code and Regulations relating to charging, collecting, and accounting for advance fees.
- 2. Immediately desist and refrain from collecting advance fees, as that term is defined in Section 10026 of the Code, in any form and particularly with respect to loan modification, loan refinance, principal reduction, foreclosure abatement or short sale services, unless and until you demonstrate and provide evidence satisfactory to the Commissioner that you have:
- (a) an advance fee agreement which has been submitted to the Department and which is in compliance with Sections 2970 and 2972 of the Regulations;
- (b) placed all previously collected advance fees into a trust account for that purpose and are in compliance with Section 10146 of the Code; and

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provided an accounting to trust fund owner-beneficiaries pursuant to (c) 2 Section 2972 of the Regulations. DATED: 6-26-09 3 4 JEFF DAVI Real Estate Commissioner 5 6 7 Barbara J. Bigby 8 Chief Deputy Commissioner 9 Notice: Business and Professions Code Section 10139 provides that "Any person acting as a real estate broker or real estate salesperson without a license or who advertises using words 10 indicating that he or she is a real estate broker without being so licensed shall be guilty of a public offense punishable by a fine not exceeding twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000), or by 11 imprisonment in the county jail for a term not to exceed six months, or by both fine and imprisonment; or if a corporation, be punished by a fine not exceeding sixty thousand dollars 12 (\$60,000)." 13 14 cc: JOSEPH CELASCHI 15 BMS DEBT MANAGEMENT **BILLSMADESIMPLE.COM** 16 2683 PIANTINO CIRCLE SAN DIEGO, CA 92121 17 JOSEPH CELASCHI 18 BMS DEBT MANAGEMENT 19 BILLSMADESIMPLE.COM 4445 EASTGATE MALL #200 20 SAN DIEGO, CA 92121 21 TANYA VINSON MICHAEL ESPOSITO 22 **MEAGHAN FOLEY** 23 4445 EASTGATE MALL #200 SAN DIEGO, CA 92121 24

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